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**MIDLAND MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON  
ON DRUG CHARGE**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in Midland this morning 34-year-old Tommy Larone Colvin was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison followed by eight years of Supervised Release for possessing "crack" cocaine with intent to distribute.

Colvin was stopped on I-20 in Midland on March 20, 2005 by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on suspicion of Driving While Intoxicated. Authorities found eight grams of "crack" in his pocket when they arrested Colvin. In addition, on two occasions in June 2005, Colvin sold "crack" to an informant working under the supervision of the Midland Police Department. Colvin received an enhanced sentence because he has a previous state narcotics conviction.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt on August 16, 2005, Colvin pleaded guilty to the drug charge.

"Mr. Colvin's days as a crack dealer are over for at least a decade. Crack cocaine destroys lives and families. With every crack dealer we take off the street, Midland becomes a little safer," stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton.

This case was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Midland Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Sandra Beckner prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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